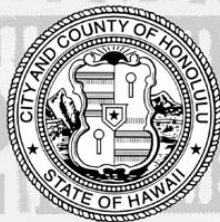


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CITY ONLINE CAMPING PERMIT SYSTEM SET TO BEGIN

(Mon., Mar. 5, 2012)—The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will implement its online camping permit reservation system on Friday, March 9, 2012. Users can apply online for only family campsites, which allow up to 10 people, in the City's 17 parks that provide camping. Camping permits are issued two weeks in advance and camping permits for family campsites will be available online every Friday at 5:00 in the afternoon. Camping for larger groups will continue to be managed by the parks that have group campsites.

Due to the availability of the online system, camping permits will no longer be issued through Satellite City Halls effective March 9, 2012. Camping permits will continue to be issued in person at the DPR's Permits Section, located on the first floor of the East Municipal Building, 650 S. King Street.

"The online system offers flexibility, increases efficiency and reduces the need to stand in line for camping permits," DPR Director Gary Cabato said. "We continue to look at ways to further improve access and efficiency."

Online users will need to establish an account. Therefore, the system will open on Tuesday, March 6, to accommodate the public and allow users to establish accounts. To further assist the public with the new system, there will be an earlier than usual release time of 2:00 p.m. for permit application and issuance on March 9 and 16. However, starting Friday, March 23, the 5:00 p.m. time will apply for all individual camping permit reservations. The following schedule outlines the first weeks of operation:

Date	System Open for Reservations	Help Line
March 9, 2012	2:00 pm	768-4602
March 16, 2012	2:00 pm	768-4602
March 23, 2012	5:00 pm	768-4602
March 30, 2012	5:00 pm	768-4602

Additionally, a help line has been set up at 768-4602. For more information about the online camping program, go to <http://www1.honolulu.gov/parks/camping.htm>

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